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Councilmember Pyle stands with the members of a local girl's soccer team and their coaches in District 10.

Dear District 10 Friends & Residents,

Coyote Valley

By late March, 2007 the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Coyote Valley Specific Plan will be released. I do expect impacts in District 10. My office will be closely reviewing the EIR and will post an analysis of impacts to District 10 on my website www.sanjoseca.gov/district10. My office will also host a forum in April to better educate residents regarding potential impacts. As Council prepares for the General Plan update, it is important that my colleagues understand the impacts District 10 will face if Coyote Valley is developed. Please stay tuned for more information on Coyote Valley and the General Plan update.

Sports Fields

As part of the Sports Fields Feasibility Study, which I authored last year, the Department of Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services (PRNS) has put together a steering committee to help guide the study. Members of the Almaden Valley Youth Soccer League (AVYSL) have been appointed to this committee, by my office in order to lend a voice to the issues Almaden is facing in this citywide study to find solution to these problems. The committee will meet on the following dates at 7:00PM :

March 12, 2007	June 11, 2007	September 10, 2007
April 9, 2007	July 9, 2007	October 1, 2007
May 14, 2007	August 13, 2007	November 5, 2007
		December 10, 2007

Locations are yet to be determined. Please check www.sanjoseca.gov/district10 for more information.

Budget & Economic Development

Mayor Reed hosted his 1st Annual Budget Forum last month to discuss priorities of residents as part of the City's budget. Two weeks later the Council and senior staff met to discuss the results. I was pleasantly surprised to see "Revenue Generation" listed by the community. As Chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee, I understand that the City's economic vitality is extremely important if we wish to put more police officers in Almaden, build more soccer fields and fix our roadways.

VITAL CYCLE OF SUCCESS



The Office of Economic Development developed the graph to the left in the hopes of educating residents about the importance of growing our local economy.

Part of our problem is sales tax generation. While San Jose spent the last 10 years building housing to meet demands our surrounding neighbors

built retail shopping centers. Consequently, San Jose lacks available zoned land for retail shopping centers. This is something that needs to be addressed during the General Plan update in addition to the City working to retain and attract business retail.

In California, cities heavily rely on sales tax to fund programs since property taxes do not meet the needs. In most cases this is fine, but many residents in San Jose now shop and entertain themselves outside of the City. This helps

other cities meet their demands but fails to drive San Jose's economy. **It is increasingly important that people shop where they live.** The graph to the left illustrates the competition San Jose faces from other City's when competing for sales tax revenue. While San Jose has more sales tax than these other cities, it is clear that on a per capita basis we are dead last.

PER CAPITA CONSUMER SALES TAX LAGS REST OF THE VALLEY



Since I plan to vote for additional police officers and fight for funding for additional soccer fields in District 10 **I plan on spending my money in San Jose.** For a directory of D-10 businesses, consult the Almaden Business Association's website at <http://www.almadenbizassn.org>.

Best Wishes,

Nancy Pyle
Councilmember, District Ten

Citywide Update

• Operation Safe Passage

During the first week of February, the City successfully concluded a week-long traffic enforcement campaign at roughly 281 schools throughout the City. The effort resulted in 816 citations, 356 warnings, 49 vehicles impounded, and 14 drivers arrested.

Make An Impact in District 10!



Thinking of ways to get involved in our community? For more information please contact the District 10 Office at (408) 535-4910

SAN JOSÉ COMMISSION VACANCIES

San Jose is seeking residents to serve on City Commissions where they will have the opportunity to advise the City Council on policies and issues affecting the city. All applications are due by Friday, March 21st at 5:00 pm. If you would like additional information about a particular Commission, please call the District 10 office or log onto the [City's Boards & Commissions website](#)

Commission vacancies

- Advisory Commission on Rents
- Airport Commission
- Arts Commission
- Disability Advisory Commission
- Early Care and Education Commission
- Housing and Community Development Advisory Commission (Low Income Status-Certification required)
- Library Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Senior Citizens Commission

Congrats to VEP on their Outstanding Service Project

Kudos to the VEP Community Association for their hard work and dedication in putting together the Branham-Narvaez beautification project.

In late January fifty-five eager volunteers turned out to install an extensive irrigation system at the corner of Branham Lane and Narvaez Avenue. That was the first in a successful, two-weekend beautification project aimed at planting trees on the 1/3-acre lot. The next weekend sixty-seven individuals planted 32 trees and spread mulch over the entire lot. Another eight trees were planted along the ped/bike path across the street, replacing those that had died in recent years.

- **Airline Adds Two More Flights At Mineta San Jose International**

On February 8, Southwest Airlines, the number one air carrier at Mineta San Jose International, announced the addition of two more daily flights to Chicago and Burbank effective May 13, 2007. These additions will bring Southwest Airline's daily schedule up to 80 departures per day.

- **The City Expands Code Enforcement Response To Weekends**

Effective immediately, a Code Enforcement inspector will respond to Police Dispatch calls received on Saturdays (8AM – 5PM) about code enforcement violations such as unpermitted tree removal on public and private property.

- **Emergency Preparedness Updates**

At a meeting in early February Councilmember Pyle was elected to serve as the new Chair of the Santa Clara County Emergency Preparedness Council. In addition, on January 30, six departments attended a seminar hosted by the County Public Health to train on the requirements for dispensing pharmaceuticals to residents to protect them in the event of a large-scale medical emergency such as a bio terror attack or pandemic flu. In May the City will hold a priority Prophylaxis Exercise for first responders to test the City's ability to distribute medications in the event of a bio-terrorism event.

- **2nd Annual Citywide Job Shadow Day**

On February 2, the City, in partnership with Junior Achievement, hosted 60-80 students as part of the 2nd Annual Citywide Job Shadow Day. The event, geared to encourage students to consider careers in local government, provided a variety of activities, including offsite visits with staff from 15 departments.

- **SJPD Activity Update**

During February, police activities resulted in the arrest of an individual in possession of approximately \$41,000 in counterfeit U.S. currency and checks as well as equipment used to manufacture the counterfeit items.

- **Military Status Report**

The total number of reservists called to duty since January 2003 remains at 58 employees who have served 353 total tours. This count includes 9 reservists on current tours as of the week ending February 17, 2007.

District 10 Announcements, Highlights & Events

Relay For Life



The Almaden Relay for Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to bring together those who have been touched by cancer in our community. The relay will be held the weekend of June 30th - July 1st, 2007 at Leland High School. For more information, visit the Almaden Relay for Life Website www.acsevents.org/relay/ca/almaden

Photo: Councilmember Pyle stands with Almaden Relay for Life Co-Chairs Patti Gahagan, Karen Zimmerman and Community Relations/ Policy Aide Stephanie Holm at the February 10th Relay Kick-Off event.

The results were beautiful and very satisfying for every community member involved.

Organized by VEP, this project obviously aroused the popular support of neighbors, young and old, who were tired of the weed- and litter-strewn moonscape. Houses across the adjacent court had for years been blasted by dust and debris as prevailing winds whisked unimpeded across the barren dirt. Time was ripe, so when we distributed flyers and emails to neighboring residents, the results were predictable: people turned out, eager to get the job done.

City Arborist, Ralph Mize selected appropriate tree species and prepared a site design. With the help of Maintenance Manager Tom Ferguson, the San Jose Department of Transportation (DOT) installed water service, a key to the potential success of this effort. DOT's Greg Shultz and Jimmy Silva offered expert advice on VEP's irrigation plans. VEP applied for and won a \$1959 grant from San Jose Beautiful, which covered the cost for irrigation hardware.

For more information about VEP, please visit their website at <http://www.vepca.org/>

City Wide Phone List

Call Center	535-3500
Police Non-Emergency	311
Anti-Graffiti/Litter	277-3208
Animal Care	578-7297
City Arborist	277-2762
Crime Prevention	277-4133
Crime Stoppers	947-STOP
Drug Hotline	971-DRUG
DOT	277-4373
Environmental Services	535-8550
Hazardous Materials	277-4659
Housing	535-3860
Neighborhood Development Center	723-4114
Parking Enforcement	534-2900
Vehicle Abatement	277-5305
Gang Hotline	293-4264

District 10 Capital Improvement Projects

Project	Description	Status	Budget	Completion
Almaden Lake Park - Phase II	Project is being constructed over two phases. Phase II includes construction on viewing and play areas, turf, irrigation and tree mitigations	Project Schedule has been adjusted to allow for additional environmental review. Final project design has been completed and advertising is underway	\$1,016,000 for Phase II	09/07
Fire Station No. 12 Relocation	Fire Station Calero moving to new site at southeast corner of Calero and Cahalan Ave.	Bid advertising is underway with bid opening scheduled for 2/15/07.	\$3,870,000	05/08
Fire Station No. 17 Relocation	A relocated Public Safety Bond funded fire station to be constructed. Will provide service to D10 (though located in D9)	Bidding process was rejected in '06. Currently being re-bid, along with FS No. 12.	\$3,922,000	05/08
Branham Lane Improvements	Formerly the Lester Property Area Street Improvements Project	Project pending negotiations with County Parks for necessary land	\$3,639,000	Schedule Pending (conceptual design process includes community outreach)
Cahalan Park Field Improvements	Renovated sports fields to include weed abatement, leveled fields, irrigation and turf repair	Construction activities are underway and scheduled for completion by this spring	\$106,000	03/07

Neighborhood Center

District 10 Police Watch

Purse Stolen from Parked Car – It can happen anywhere and this time a car break-in occurred on the Simonds Elementary School campus. Late last month, within a matter of minutes, a car window was smashed and a purse stolen from a car parked in the parking lot of Simonds Elementary. Within 20 minutes, shattered glass was everywhere and the purse was gone, despite the fact that the car was parked next to a school classroom. Nobody saw or heard anything. Please don't leave your purse in a parked car whether you are at school, work or even in your neighborhood --- even if it's only for a few minutes.

-Update - Purse Thieves Caught – As of this month, the SJPd is pleased to report that two Gilroy men were charged with the car break-in and purse theft reported at Simonds Elementary. The men were arrested for another crime, and police found property belonging to the Simond's staff member in their possession.

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“Opportunities are never lost. The other fellow takes those you miss.”

~ Anonymous

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“Think of others twice as much as you think of yourself.”

~ Anthony Gatto

District 10's New Issue Tracking Program is Almost Here!

Are you looking to ask a question or share a concern with the District 10 office? In the very near future, in addition to phoning in your concern or sending an e-mail to District 10's main e-mail account, you will also have the option to report your concern through our brand new issue tracking system. This innovative new automated system will direct your concern to the proper issue-area specialist in our office and will notify you of each step along the e-mails route to resolution. Look out for more detailed information in the April edition of Nancy's News and a link to sign up and start utilizing this bold new way of resolving the issues that matter most to you!

In Honor of St. Patrick's Day ... A Bit O' Irish Humor

Paddy was driving down the street in a dither because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, "Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to church every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me bad habits.

Miraculously, a parking place appeared.

Paddy looked up again and said, "Never mind, I found one."



Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend, Finney.

"Did you see the paper?" asked Gallagher. "They say I died!!"

"Yes, I saw it!" replied Finney. "Where are ye callin from?"



City Council Meetings

The City Council convenes every Tuesday at 1:30 PM at 200 East Santa Clara Street. On the first and third Tuesday of the month the Council meets at 7:00 PM for Public Hearings. Meetings can also be viewed on the web at www.sanjoseca.gov or on the City cable TV station, Channel 26/26A.

Community Calendar March 2007

In our world this month the 3rd and 4th of March are a total lunar eclipse, the 11th marks the return of Daylight Savings time (5 weeks ahead in accordance with the Energy Act of 2005), & the four-yearly Cricket World Cup is held in the West Indies

Mon., Mar. 12th: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Almaden Valley Community Association

Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Ave

Wed., Mar. 14th: 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting

Topic: Programming the Pat Dando Hoffman Via Monte Community Center
Almaden Hills United Methodist Church; 1200 Blossom Hill Road

Wed., Mar. 14th: 7:30 -8:30 PM

Montevideo Homeowners' Association Monthly Meeting

Corner of Coleman and Camden, in the clubhouse behind the pool

Thurs., Mar. 15th: 5:00 – 7:00 PM

D10 Youth Advisory Council Meeting

Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Ave

Wed., Mar. 21st: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood Action Coalition Monthly Meeting

Almaden Hills United Methodist Church; 1200 Blossom Hill Road

Tues., Mar. 27th: 7:30 -9:00PM

VEP Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting

Gunderson High School (Chynoweth. & Gaundabert)

Wed., Apr. 4th: 9:45 - 11:00 AM

Almaden Senior Association Monthly Meeting

Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Ave

Thur., Apr. 5th: 5:00 – 7:00 PM

D10 Youth Advisory Council Meeting

Almaden Community Center; 6445 Camden Ave

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